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From: Steven R. Vosen, Ph.D.Direct Dial: 415-774-3208Re: Patent No. 5,848,492**MESSAGE: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.****FAX RECEIVED**

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Re: Patent No. 5,848,492

MESSAGE:

Examiner Gellner:

Pursuant to your request, attached is a copy of the **Preliminary Amendment** and the **Statement of Status/Support for Changes to Claims** previously filed in the above application for reissue on December 15, 2000.

Regards,

Steven R. Vosen, Ph.D.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 37 C.F.R. § 1.173

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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the reissuance of the above-referenced patent.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

11. (Amended) A method [for defoliating grape vines] comprising:
generating a flow of superheated steam; and
delivering the flow of superheated steam to a plant sufficient to at least partially defoliate said plant [basal leaves adjacent to developing grape berries].

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